

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES and the MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

CITY OF DETROIT - CERTIFICATE OF SELF INSURANCE ESCROW

## I. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1. The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding [MOU] is to describe the commitment from the Michigan Department of Treasury [Treasury] to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services [DIFS] concerning funds that Treasury intends to escrow and issue in the event the City of Detroit [City] does not pay claims and judgments relative to the City's Self Insurance Certificate under the authority of the Michigan Administrative Code Certificates of No-Fault Self-Insurance [the Code] [R 257.531 et seq.].
- 2. On May 2, 2013, the City submitted a certificate of self insurance application [application] to the Director. The City asked the Director to issue a certificate of self insurance under authority the Code, section 3101 of the Insurance Code of 1956 [MCI 500.3101]. This certificate would enable the City to comply with state law requiring insurance on vehicles it operates.

As reported on the application, the City's net worth is (\$371,973,905). This negative amount fails to meet certificate of self insurance qualifications requiring a net worth greater than \$5,000,000; a sound financial condition and utilization of financial practices and methods that would not bring into question the ability to pay claims fully and in a timely manner. [Rule 2 (2)(d) and (e); R 257.532].

Rule 8 of the Code [R 257.538] allows the Director to disapprove the application of an applicant who fails to possess a qualification for the issuance of a certificate of self insurance as set forth in R 257.232. The Director intended to deny the City's application for this reason.

In reliance on Treasury's commitment to escrow funds and to pay claims and judgments, the Director will Issue a Certificate to the City.

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# II. TREASURY AGREES TO:

- 1. Escrow an amount of at least fifteen million, two hundred thousand dollars (\$15,200,000) in a separate segregated account to be used to pay claims during the period of the Certificate of Self Insurance issued to the City.
- 2. If the City is unable to or fails to pay a judgment or claim pursuant to the law, make appropriate payments from the escrowed funds.

### III. MDIFS AGREES TO:

- 1. Issue a Certificate of Self Insurance to the City for a period of one year, beginning June 9, 2013.
- 2. Perform its responsibilities under the Code.

# IV. EFFECTIVE DATE AND LENGTH:

1. This MOU goes into effect when both parties have signed it and shall be in effect for the duration of the Certificate of Self Insurance issued to the City.

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

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